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DATE OF CONTENT 8 and 9 February 1951

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. On 8 and 9 February 1951, the Artillerie Kaserne in Zeitz (K 52/K 08) was occupied to capacity by 1,000 to 1,200 troops, but was not overcrowded. Local residents said that, previously, troops had been accommodated in the hallways of the installation for lack of living quarters. The majority of officers and men seen in the billeting area wore tank insignia. Tanks and AA guns were standing in the barracks yard. Local residents alleged that there were 50 tanks and 8 AA guns. [REDACTED] only four T-34 tanks and four 85-mm AA guns.

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2. The Infanterie Kaserne quartered about 1,000 troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and some with tank insignia. The installation was not occupied beyond capacity. Source thought that fewer tanks and motor vehicles were in the Infanterie Kaserne than in the Artillerie Kaserne. Local residents claimed that, in addition to a tank unit, the installation quartered an infantry unit and an AT artillery unit.

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3. The buildings on Friedrich Engels Platz were still used as officers' billets. Fuel was still stockpiled and issued at the former German Armed Forces warehouse.
4. The AA gun emplacements south of the Artillerie Kaserne were not occupied on 9 February. No AA gun emplacements were seen in the vicinity of Zeitz. *

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* [REDACTED] Comment. According to the report it is believed that the 67th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div and an AAA unit of undetermined subordination are stationed in Zeitz.

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